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DECLARATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that: my residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name. I believe I am the original, first, and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or a joint inventor (if plural inventors are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: "AUTOMATIC SYSTEM CONFIGURATION MANAGEMENT", as described in the specification attached.

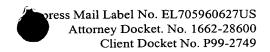
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| | | | □ YES □ NO |
| Thereby claim the benefit under Title 35 Unclaim of this application is not disclosed in Code of Federal Regulations § 1.56(a) whi application: | | | |
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| For: | Automatic System Configuration Management | § § |

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elects to conduct the prosecution of the application/maintenance of the patent to the exclusion of the inventor(s). The undersigned hereby declares that she has reviewed the above-referenced assignment and hereby declares that, to the best of her knowledge, title is in the Assignee, and she is empowered to sign on behalf of the Assignee, and further declares that all statements made herein of her own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true. The assignee hereby revokes any previous powers of attorney and appoints the following to prosecute this application/maintain this patent and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith:

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